

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES
WAUKESHA COUNTY
TEMPORARY CHAPTER 980 COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2020**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Fruth, Jason Popp, Angie Serwa, William Seymour, Dale Shaver (11:03), Erik Weidig

GUESTS PRESENT: Jim Landwehr, Mrs. and Mr. Waite

NOT PRESENT: Antwayne Robertson

Erik Weidig called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

Fruth moved, second by Serwa to approve the December 11, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Status update on the Vernon property by Weidig. Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Sheriff's Department went to the property to view and talk with neighbors to determine whether that property had children living in adjacent properties. Based on their review no such immediate adjacent residences of children exist. The property does fall outside of the 1500 foot requirements for this individual. Department of Health Services (DHS) raised issue regarding a property just barely 1500 feet away that operates as a paintball facility. Weidig is of the impression that the paintball property does not qualify as a youth center. Does DHS view differently? Weidig reported that Robertson had reached out to the Sheriff asking if they wish to weigh in. Robertson communicated to Serwa that he did not receive a response from the Sheriff over the holidays. Robertson will have to follow up on that.

Mrs. Waite has been in contact with DHS regarding entering into a lease. Serwa reached out and asked Mr. and Mrs. Waite to submit a template lease, which Serwa has received and has sent some follow up questions.

Mrs. Waite stated that Robertson was expecting a report from the Sheriff's Department on this property. The Sheriff talked to the seller and the seller has since removed the property from the market after a contract was signed with Mr. and Mrs. Waite. The seller's real estate agent states that the listing simply expired. The Waites have hired an attorney. The closing has been scheduled to be on February 5th.

Serwa reported that the laser tag/paintball property called Siege is 1350 feet from the residence. Serwa read the statutory definition of a youth center and reported that DHS does see the paintball property as a youth center. This does not mean that the court will agree. DHS follows the statutory definition. Weidig states the county has a different view on whether the facility meets the statutory definition. If this committee agrees, it will formally notify the department that this property be considered. Serwa has provided Robertson a template to submit such a report, per his request. **MOTION** to identify this property as viable and submit the report to DHS by Shaver, second by Fruth. Motion carried 5 – 0. Serwa abstained. Motion passes and work on the report to DHS identifying this property will begin.

Homework assignment updates. Parks continues to run weekly searches and provide information to vendors. Robertson will report on any vendor interest at the next meeting. Parks will continue to run reports and send to vendors until there is an approved location for this individual. Mr. and Mrs. Waite requested to be listed as a vendor and Weidig stated they will be added to the list.

Mrs. Waite requested that Parks check a property address on Hillside Dr. Landwehr will check and report back.

Landwehr stated a list is being run today. The last list run on December 19 had five residences for sale and four rentals. The numbers are down due to the time of the year.

Weidig reported that since the last meeting, there was a continued court hearing on two motions - one to require Waukesha County and the 980 Committee to perform searches without regard to distance in light of the proposed legislation. The legislation was vetoed by the governor and the court denied the motion to run those searches. Also continuation to the respondent's motion to compel Waukesha County to create or purchase a residence for the individual. Weidig argued against and the court denied that motion. Weidig anticipates additional motions are forthcoming. Perhaps next to be brought will be one of two – some type of constitutional deprivation motion or more likely a motion to temporarily place the individual in another facility in the state. If this potential location does not pan out, motions like that will be in the mix soon. A status conference is set for January 8 at 2:30 p.m. and Weidig will attend. Weidig will advise the court regarding updates on the Vernon property. It is unlikely that the 980 Committee's report to DHS will be complete, but Weidig will advise the court that it is forthcoming.

Future agenda items - updates regarding responses from vendors and follow-up with the Sheriff to determine if they want any report included to DHS.

The court did require that the committee submit minutes of these meetings. Weidig will get those filed with the court and do so on a running basis.

Motion to adjourn by Serwa, second by Seymour at 11:21 a.m.

Minutes approved: *Antwayne Robertson*
Director
Waukesha County Health and Human Services

Date: January 15, 2020